

Applicants submit that it would not be an undue burden on the Office to search the art concerning Groups I, II, and III at one time. A search of the art concerning a group of protein mutants, such as the mutant kanamycin nucleotidyltransferases of Group I, would generally involve a search of the art concerning DNA sequences that encode them, such as those of Group II. Moreover, the subject matter of Groups I and III falls within a single classification (class 435). Finally, this application contains a limited number of claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that all of the subject matter of Groups I, II, and III be examined in the present application.

This response is submitted Monday, July 1, 2002, as June 30, 2002, falls on a Sunday. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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